

## **SUPPORT**

January 27, 2010

### ***STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS STAFF REPORT ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM***

*96th General Assembly*

#### **HOUSE BILL 4643 – Representative Raymond Poe**

#### **PROPOSAL**

House Bill 4643 amends the State Employees' Article of the Pension Code to allow members to establish service credit for up to 12 furlough days, used to address a State fiscal emergency, without making contributions.

#### **COMMENT**

House Bill 4643 allows SERS members to establish service credit for up to 12 voluntary or involuntary furlough days that result from a State fiscal emergency. The furlough days must occur between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, and the member must apply in writing to the System prior to December 31, 2010. The member is not required to make any contributions to establish this service credit.

For SERS members, an identical provision was offered for up to 5 furlough days that occurred between December 1, 2001 and January 1, 2003.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of staff that the system support House Bill 4643.